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In re application of : Confirmation No. 8950

Sakae NISHIGORI et al. : Docket No. 2001\_1481A

Serial No. 09/974,916 : Group Art Unit 1742

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FORGING METHOD

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AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated November 27, 2002, having a three month shortened-statutory period for response set to expire February 27, 2003, a petition for a two month extension of time up to and including April 27, 2003, being filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the specification with the attached substitute specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

~~Please cancel claims 1 and 2 and add new claims 3 and 4 as follows:~~

3. (New) A method of forging a material, said method comprising:

9) adding a second material to a first material to obtain a third material, the second material comprising at least one metal from the group consisting of group V metals;

heating the third material to a temperature in a range of 1150 - 1250 °C;

forging the heated third material to a prescribed shape;

cooling the forged third material;